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Applicant : Naoki Kimura et al.  
Serial No. : 09/855,266  
Filed : May 14, 2001  
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DIFFERENTIATION (as amended)

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In reply to the action mailed December 18, 2002, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 15 pages.

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